
HOW OUR KIDS ARE ADJUSTING IN KENYA

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One of the major adjustments about our

move as a family to Kenya that gave us great concern was the academic adjustment of our children (which we began praying about seriously once we had firmed our decision to move) and them finding new friends since they had dug deep roots in Nigeria and had lots of friends.

When we got to Nairobi and began looking for schools, our initial shock was the difference in the academic calendar. In Nigeria, we run a September to July

calendar but in Kenya, the most common school system run the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), that starts from January to October. Moses and I went to more than 5 schools, and one theme was common: Swahili as a language is taken seriously (even though the kids are taught in English in all other subjects). Also, our oldest child, Itohan, was entering an exam class, some schools were unsure if they wanted to admit her into Grade 6. We were hopeful God will provide that school.

We also wanted a school that would support what we had been trying to teach them at home. We finally found one, and

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Iyobosa, Itohan, & Nosa

it began first with this warm school receptionist who put our minds at rest and said that they were kids and would learn Swahili fast. The school was big on teaching godly values, and their performance at previous National exams was commendable. We truly found peace in putting them there.

Fast forward 11 months later, and the first school year is over. It was grueling in the first few months, because we moved from our first accommodation to another to be within walking distance of school.

Each child took time differently to adjust academically (we had to get extra tutoring in the first term for one of the children); some of them made friends quickly, and others did not. It has been a stretching journey, but we

are thankful it ended well. Their results gave us joy as parents, and the feedback from teachers about their character has given us reason to know that we picked the right school with God’s help. Also, they have made a few friends and are getting along well.

As we thank God for the journey so far, there is still room for a lot of growth, and we look forward to seeing what God will do in and through each of our children’s lives. We really didn’t know that a move like this could take a toll on children. The adjustment has been slow for some and fast for others, and we are learning to help each of them differently on the journey we all are in.

Pray for us

- Praise for God for His sustaining grace that has kept us as a family this past year.
- Thank God for our children, the adjustment to new school and new friends.
- Thank God for providing for their school needs and their performance.
- The holidays have started. Pray for good health and meaningful time.
- Pray that the LORD will provide their school fees for next year.

Thank you and God bless.

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